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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

<b>Job Title:</b> <b>CRI Coral Reef Ecologist</b>	<b>Posting Date:</b> <b>July 5, 2022</b>	<b>Serial No.:</b> <b>127-22</b>
<b>Department/Division:</b> <b>Marine &amp; Wildlife Resources/CRAG</b>	<b>Closing Date:</b> <b>July 19, 2022</b>	<b>Announcement No.:</b> <b>057-22</b>
<b>Type of Position:</b> <b>Temporary Appointment</b>	<b>Posting Type:</b> <b>Employment Opportunity/ Open to the Public</b>	<b>Pay Grade and Salary Range:</b> <b>GS-15/\$21,715 - \$62,275p.a.</b>

**General Description:**

A CRI Coral Reef Ecologist is responsible for all aspects of benthic monitoring, including methods, collecting the data, analyzing the data, and writing the benthic sections of the various reports

**Key Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Provide expertise to the Reef Resilience Coordinator in order to manage the Territory's bleaching and disease response and provide timely information to Territorial managers on any event affecting coral reef benthos, such as bleaching, crown-of-thorns, tsunamis, hurricanes, or disease outbreaks.
- Provide expert opinion and make recommendations for management actions. Write proposals as needed in conjunction with the Reef Resilience Coordinator
- Facilities and actively participate in the Territorial Restoration Working Group and the USCRTF Restoration Working Group and the USCRTF Restoration Working Group, and continue the development of the Territorial Restoration Plan
- Supervise additional CRAG staff members when required and appropriate, in addition to supervising the Technician and will be acting CRAG Coordinator when required
- Overarching responsibility for the dive safety of the DMWR's certified scuba divers, which includes updating and implementing the DMWR Dive Safety Manual
- Both of the ASCRMP ecologists will have responsibility for ensuring that programmatic responsibilities are planned and undertaken. It will be a joint responsibility to plan and schedule activities such as field work, office work and report writing
- The ecologist and technician will consult to purchase necessary equipment and supplies in accordance with the present and subsequent grants
- The ecologists will be responsible for data management needs and requirements relevant to the monitoring program. This will include implementing data quality control, database management, data backups and addressing data request as needed
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- The ecologist will be responsible for grant coordination (to include writing, management, and tracking progress), ensuring procedures are technically sound and that schedules, project goals, and reporting requirements are met including ensuring financial statements are submitted in a timely in a timely manner
- Provide progress reports on a regular basis to DMWR, and at least annual reports of the results of the monitoring t DMWR, CRAG agencies involved with coral reefs, and other interested parties
- The ecologist and technician will be SCUBA certified (and will actively participate in underwater surveying). All three should be NOAA Scientific Diver certified or able to obtain this certification as well as additional certifications as required
- The ecologist will be responsible for developing and implementing training materials for capacity building purposes, with regard to all monitoring program skill requirements (e.g, species identification, survey techniques, dive safety, data entry, data analysis etc.)
- The ecologist and the technician will represent the monitoring program and DMWR at international, national and regional technical meetings where appropriate
- All other duties and responsibilities as assigned

**Knowledge, Skills and Ability:**

- Experience working with a diverse group of stakeholders including (and especially local) communities government agency staff, researchers, educators and enforcement personnel
- Experience in implementing and managing a SCUBA dive and boating safety program
- Experience in developing and implementing protocols to respond to disturbances within coral reef ecosystems, examples include ship groundings, coral bleaching events, coral disease outbreaks and crown of thorn starfish outbreaks
- Be culturally sensitive and have experience living and working in another culture, preferably a Pacific Island community
- Have strong inter-personal, leadership and organizational skills
- Must be highly motivated and passionate about coral reef conservation

**Academic and Experience Requirements:**

- Applicant must have a Master's degree in related field from an accredited college plus 4 years of work related experience; 2 years of which at supervisory capacity OR
- Bachelor's degree in related field from accredited university plus 5 years of work related experience; 3 years of which at supervisory capacity
- Years of progressively responsible working experience may be substituted for portion of the academic requirement.
- Salary will be adjusted according to experience.

**Complete information concerning this vacancy may be obtained from the Personnel Division of the Department of Human Resources, or please contact the Recruitment unit at 633-4485/633-4000.**

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